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SUBJECT: US-USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK

1. U.S. HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE USSR THAT THEY WILL USE A THIRD GENERATION SATELLITE, MOLNIYA-3 IN LIEU OF MOLNIYA-2. SINCE THE TECHNICAL PARAMETERS USING MOLNIYA-3 ARE THE SAME FOR THE DCL AND CORRESPOND FULLY WITH TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS SET FORTH IN THE ANNEX TO THE DCL AGREEMENT DATED SEPT 30, 1971 (TIAS-7187), AND PROTOCOLS DATED SEPT 11, 1972 AND DEC 10, 1973, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS CHANGE.

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THIS CHANGE BE COMMITTED IN WRITING. THE EASIEST WAY TO FORMALIZE THE CHANGE TO THE DCL AGREEMENT IS THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, SPECIFYING THE BROADER TERM "MOLNIYA SYSTEM" BE USED INSTEAD OF "MOLNIYA-2".

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DRAFT A NOTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES TO BE DELIVERED TO THE MFA:
QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WITH RESPECT TO THE "MOLNIYA II SYSTEM (S)" AND "MOLNIYA II
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EARTH STATION" IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE USA-USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK, SIGNED AT WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 30, 1971, HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THIS AGREEMENT BE MODIFIED TO DELETE "II" IN EACH CASE SO THAT THE REFERENCES IN THE ANNEX WOULD BE TO "MOLNIYA SYSTEM(S)" AND "MOLNIYA EARTH STATION".

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO SUGGEST THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY THERETO INDICATING ACCEPTANCE AND THAT THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO MOLNIYA-2 IS THE SAME FOR MOLNIYA-3, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER, WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. UNQUOTE (EMBASSY SHOULD INSERT APPROPRIATE CLOSING PARAGRAPH).

4. PLEASE FURNISH DEPT COPIES ALL NOTES
EXCHANGED, ATTN: A/OC.

5. FYI. IN LETTER FROM SOVIETS (DR V.P.MINASHIN) DATED NOV 26, 1974 TO DEPT (MR W.E.NAEHER) SOVIETS PROPOSED USE THIRD GENERATION SATELLITE. IN REPLY LETTER TO MINASHIN DATED DEC 12, 1974, NAEHER ADVISED CHANGE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. SINCE MINASHIN ASSURED TECHNICAL PARAMETERS MOLNIYA-3 DCL CORRESPOND TO CHARACTERISTICS SET FORTH IN PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO PROTOCOLS. (COPIES THIS CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED EMBASSY). INGERSOLL

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